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“This office belongs to the citizens of the 35th district.”

State Senator Michelle A. McManus

Direct wine shipping bills become law

After months of negotiations, my legislation allowing the direct shipping of wine in Michigan was signed into law Thursday in Traverse City. Everyone involved has worked very hard to get to this day. Michigan consumers and vintners can toast to the fact that direct shipping has been preserved in our state.

The legislation, Senate Bill 625 and House Bill 4959, is the result of months of negotiations. The package allows wineries to ship up to 1500 cases per year directly to Michigan consumers. Sellers would be required to apply for a permit, submit quarterly reports to the Liquor Control Commission and pay all applicable sales and excise taxes. Provisions in the legislation also help to ensure wine is not shipped to minors.

Tax-cut legislation headed to governor

A package of bills that would provide approximately \$600 million in tax relief to major job providers in Michigan is awaiting the governor's signature. The legislation is designed to entice businesses to come to Michigan and to strengthen our borders against other states intent on stealing Michigan jobs.

Specifically, the legislation headed to the governor will:

- Create a 15-percent refundable personal property tax credit to reduce a firm's Single Business Tax liability, effective Jan. 1, 2006.
- Establish a 100-percent new investment credit which will be given for personal property taxes paid on property directly related to jobs transferred to Michigan in 2007 and 2008. Transferred jobs are high technology or manufacturing jobs that were located in a different state or country before being moved to this state in the immediately preceding tax year. The updated version of the legislation approved today makes it easier for Michigan's Big Three automakers to take advantage of the credit.
- Change the sales tax apportionment factor from 90 percent to 92.5 percent for 2006-2007 and to 95 percent for 2008-2009. This will give a tax advantage to Michigan-based businesses who export goods as opposed to those who are based outside of Michigan but conduct business here.
- Maintain Delphi's and Visteon's current tax status, protecting them from a massive tax hike at the end of 2005.

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